

place in case of certain rakes supplied from Jeenagora colliery to Panki TPS but the payment has been made on the basis of sampling of coal being carried out jointly in presence of the representatives of power house and BCCL.

CIL's request for purchase of power from NTPC

1091. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd., has requested Government to allow it to purchase power directly from National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to amend the Electricity Act for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To ensure reliable source of supply at reasonable tariffs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Curtailing employees of Coal India Limited

†1092. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to curtail the number of employees of Coal India Limited on the basis of the Report of the Expenditure Commission;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the total number of employees in Coal India Limited at present

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and out of these the number of officers and employees engaged in production, inspection, administration, sales, security and maintenance works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) The Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) in para 30 of its report, has made the following observations on manpower rationalization in Coal India Limited:

"It is estimated that nearly one fifth of the total manpower of 5,62,071 is surplus compared to the requirement in CIL collieries. A recent study has revealed that in ECL, which has the highest level of losses in this group, as many as 64,000 out of a total work force of 1,33,383 are deployed in 64 loss making collieries. The incidence of wage cost in these 64 mines is 112% of the sale price of coal. CIL's current year's budget visualized coverage of 11,000 surplus personnel under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) at a total cost of Rs. 242 crores. If all the seven subsidiaries are to become competitive and hold their place in the emerging scenario, then highest priority needs to be given to a manpower rationalization scheme that will cover more than one lakh surplus work force, mostly in ECL, BCCL, and CCL, under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme within the next two year period. The funds required for the VRS could be met out of the surpluses of the profit making subsidiaries or through productivity gains from manpower rationalization and other efficiency improvement measures."

Towards rationalization of surplus manpower in ECL, CCL & BCCL, grants-in-aid for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) are being provided by Government of India. Up to January 2001, Rs.505.00 crore have been released under VRS and 24,877 persons have availed of VRS in ECL, CCL & BCCL. For the year 2001-02, a target of 11,500 persons has been set for retirement under VRS in these three companies. A provision of Rs. 156.99 crores has been made; this provision will be augmented later in the year.

(c) The information in respect of each subsidiary of CIL is given in the Statement.

Statement
Total Number of Employees in subsidiaries in Coal India Limited

Company	Production		Supervision		Administration		Sales		Security		Maintenance		Others		Total		Grand Total
	Officers	Staff	Officers	Staff	Officers	Staff	Officers	Staff	Officers	Staff	Officers	Staff	Officers	Staff	Officers	Staff	
ECL	738	58453	229	7430	300	10271	64	9022	148	8775	558	20096	857	10511	2894	124558	127452
BCCL	1214	49339	851	8056	218	2264	62	4128	8	2284	407	38804	204	5213	2964	110088	113052
CCL	964	54302	300	3287	193	3585	86	52	30	3961	72	6350	1403	3297	3048	74834	77882
WCL	918	34464	96	1364	174	5396	59	537	11	1859	613	19413	710	12262	2581	75295	77876
SECL	2024	79204	115	7098	463	1587	55	177	14	1584	380	2370	200	310	3251	92330	95581
NCL	410	5746	89	1744	56	1316	21	69	11	617	454	3887	366	2380	1407	15759	17166
MCL	800	16600	47	1270	220	2000	30	150	8	405	253	775	10	19	1368	21219	22587
NEC	45	2110	8	190	40	490		50		35	12	950	9	160	114	3985	4099
TOTAL:	7113	300218	1735	30439	1664	26909	377	14185	230	19520	2749	92645	3759	34152	17627	518068	535695